Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, July 25th, 1882.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was called for last night. There were present His Worship Mayor Meredith, Ald. Pritchard, Higgins, O'Meara, Jones, Skinner, Boyd, Birrell, Buckle, Macbeth, Murray and Taylor.

SEWER BY-LAW.

The by-law, which provides for the construction of sewers along Wellington street from Princess avenue to King street, Dundas street from Wellington street to Colborne street, and from Dundas street to a point eighty feet north of the northerly limit of Dufferin avenue, was read a first time.

On motion an addition was made to the by-law of the sewer on Queen's avenue, between Talbot and Richmond streets; also on York street, between Talbot and Richmond streets.

The by-law was then read a third time and passed.

Ald. Jones moved that the rental for the sewers be eight cents per foot.

This found no seconder, and it was decided to leave the matter over till the by-law fixing the rate was introduced.

Adjourned.

HOW THE SEWERS ARE TO BE PAID FOR.

The following letter from the City Solicitor explains the plan to be adopted in paying for the proposed improvements:—

To A. S. Abbott, City Clerk,—

I enclose by-law for the construction of common sewers, prepared after the instructions of the Engineer. The plan adopted is that of the city constructing the sewers at its own expense, and charging an annual rent for the use of them, with the privilege to the owner to capitalize the annual charge, and reduce it by a cash payment. The amount of the annual charge will be paid by by-law after the sewers are constructed, and the cost of them is ascertained. By section 54, all persons having lots fronting on the sewers are bound to drain into them, and by the Municipal Act all persons required by by-law to drain into a common sewer may be charged an annual rent for the use of the same. I understand that the committee has decided to adopt this plan in preference to the difficult and tedious process necessary under the local improvement clauses of the Municipal Act.

Your obedient servant,

W. R. Meredith.